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FOLLOWING MESSAGE, DRAFTED BY GENERAL HAMLETT IN COLLABORATION
IN GUFLER AND BURNS, BEING DESPATCHED BOTH MILITARY AND STATE
CHANNELS:

BEGIN TEXT.

AT THE MEETING OF THE KOMMANDATURA TODAY THE THREE COMMANDANTS
DISCUSSED AT LENGTH THE DANGERS INHERENT IN OUR CURRENT
CONTINGENCY INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN IN
THE EVENT EAST GERMAN PERSONNEL REPLACE SOVIETS AT CHECKPOINTS
ON RAIL AND AUTOBAHN. IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY AGREED THAT CURRENT
CONTINGENCY INSTRUCTIONS WOULD FORCE US TO TAKE THE FIRST
STEP TOWARD DE FACTO RECOGNITION OF THE GDR AND THAT THIS
WOULD BE A STEP FROM WHICH IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO WITH-
DRAW. THAT AFTER THIS FIRST STEP WE WOULD BE SLOWLY SQUEEZED
INTO WHAT THE WORLD AND IN PARTICULAR THE GERMAN WORLD LABEL

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AS DE JURE RECOGNITION. IT WAS FURTHER AGREED UNANIMOUSLY THAT WE WOULD STRONGLY RECOMMEND TO OUR SUPERIORS THAT THESE CURRENT CONTINGENCY INSTRUCTIONS SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN ON THE BASIS OF UTMOST URGENCY SINCE AT ANY TIME OUR SHIP MAY BE SCUTTLED BY SOME SOVIET ACTION WHICH WOULD PUT OUR PRESENT CONTINGENCY INSTRUCTIONS INTO EFFECT. I FURTHER RECOMMEND THAT WE IN CONCERT WITH THE FRENCH AND BRITISH BE AUTHORIZED TO DRAFT CONTINGENCY INSTRUCTIONS IN SUBSTITUTION FOR THOSE FOR WHICH WE ARE REQUESTING IMMEDIATE CANCELLATION, IN ORDER THAT APPROVAL MAY BE OBTAINED SOONER.

END TEXT.

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